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January 11, 1963 - Friday

Nicky returned this morning. He came by himself from Washington, with a change to the night plane in New York. He was well taken ~~care of by~~ a receptionist at Idlewild who once worked for me in OSS. At the age of eleven he is already an independent and seasoned traveller.

The intelligent Brazilian Ambassador called on me this morning, to discuss in a general way the difficulties between Brazil and the United States. He thinks we make a mistake in Washington in considering that economic and financial problems are similar in all, or at least most, of the Latin American countries. He also believes that many of our programs wrongly assume the existence of middle classes in the Latin American nations to whom we are extending some form of aid. He fears the processes of tax reform, re-distribution of land, and the other desiderata of the Alliance for Progress will not come into being for a long time. He was wearing a sealskin-lined fur coat which served his father--once Ambassador to the United States--for forty years, and himself for thirty more.

Harold Wilson, of the Labour Shadow Cabinet, came to see me. He is going to the United States the end of this week. While in Washington, he is anxious to meet Harlan Cleveland, a former student of his, and Arthur Schlesinger. I am writing to both of them, to make sure they see him. He made the usual inquiry about the possibility of his seeing the President. I said all such appointments had to be requested through his own Embassy. He talked about Gaitskell's condition. His illness has not yet been successfully diagnosed, but there is little doubt it is grave. I sent Gaitskell a letter of sympathy today.

Bob MacFadden, of the First National City Bank, who has for four or five years been an extremely helpful member of the American , came to see me, to say good-bye. He is being transferred to New Y e ring him

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At our weekly staff meeting I gave an account of the Nassau Conference.

Bill Grell, who was a Colonel in OSS, stopped in for a talk. He is to be the General Manager of the new Westbury Hotel in Brussels, a city in which he lived many years. I believe he was born there. During the war he had a gallant record.

I lunched with Drew Middleton at the Garrick Club. He is leaving next week for Paris. I thought the meal did justice to the occasion. We each had a dozen oysters, superb roast beef, and other protections against the cold. After cocktails, we tackled a white burgundy, then a magnificent magnum of Lynch Bages 1955. Some of the other members appeared envious of our potations.

Louis Rukeyser, of the Baltimore Sun, brought David Culhane, his successor, to see me. Louis has been assigned to New Delhi. He is a first class correspondent, and a nice fellow.

I went, at my request, to see Alec Home at the Foreign Office. I was under no instructions to take up particular matters with him, so we had tea and a cheery talk, in the course of which he oommunicated his views on conditions in Yemen, the Congo, Saudi Arabia, and other trouble spots.

The weather continues abominable, since outside of the main streets and highways there has been no thawing of snow. The thermometer seldom reaches 32.

Nicky and I dined together tonight. He is one of the most conversable children I know.

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January 12, 1963 - Saturday

Cold again this morning. I went to the office, then lunched at Albany with Fred Warner. Fred, Diana Cooper, and myself took an afternoon train to spend the weekend at Easton Neston.

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Fred, one of the best of conversationalists, has chambers at [redacted] Albany. He is cared for by a Greek peasant who does everything needful for him. Since they talk entirely in Greek, and the servant seems to have little curiosity about what happens beyond the sphere of his duties, he is never distracted from his work. We had a delicious lunch, featured by two bottles Warner [redacted] inherited from his uncle, a former Ambassador to Belgium. One was a white Haut Brion 1948, the other a 1924 Chateau Lafite Rothschild. Both were in perfect condition.

At Euston Station, we found our train perambulating up and down the track so as to keep the wheels from freezing. Heat, however, had not permeated our compartment, in which the pipes were frozen.

We arrived at the Hesketh house in the middle of a party for the estate children. Afterwards, numbers of people came drifting in, including Kisty's [redacted] brother, Robin, and sister-in-law, who had motored over the icy roads from Scotland. Charles Isitt, of TIME-LIFE, was one of the guests, as were the Tompkins (Foreign Office).

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There has been no thaw, and outside it is bitterly cold.

January 13, 1963 - Sunday

A bright sun like that of yesterday, but no melting. Pam and Michael Berry with their boy, Nicholas, came for lunch. I left shortly afterwards to return to London.

It was pathetic to see the pheasants, unable to draw any sustenance from the ground, thronging about the house, some of them sitting disconsolately on the topiary shrubs. Hordes of children and a few grown-ups were playing hockey on the pond, and the members of the local repertory company were due for tea, which was to be followed by a mammoth entertainment for the elders who work on the estate.

The O'Shaughnessys, Bobby Cutler, and Al Wells came to dine with me tonight. Bobby has just been on a trip around the world. He was anecdotal and amusing.

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January 14, 1963 - Monday

I lunched today at Bucks with Tommy Frost, Chairman of Calgary and Edmonton. He is in the throes of a divorce suit. Between his domestic preoccupations and involvement in Canadian oil operations, his time is fully occupied. He is an exceptionally nice fellow.

Maj. General Perry B. Griffith, Deputy Commander of CINCNELM, came to see me this afternoon. An expert on nuclear weapons and tactical flying, he has been responsible for worldwide direction of Air Force programs of flight, ~~ground~~, missile, and nuclear safety with headquarters at Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California.

I went down to see Harold Caccia this afternoon, to discuss with him the forthcoming visit of Paul Nitze and Walt Rostow, in connection with negotiations with the British over Polaris. We agreed that these talks should proceed on a technical level with members of the Department of Defense, but the political aspects could be laid over for the time being. I also told him of our concern over British and other foreign flag vessels carrying supplies to Cuba.

As was the case when I saw Lord Home on Friday, he expressed the Foreign Office worries over Soekarno's recent statements.

While I was there, ticker reports of General de Gaulle's speech in Paris this afternoon were brought in. What he had to say, especially on the Common Market, went even further than any one anticipated.

A partial strike by electricity workers has been in progress for some days. The Embassy blacked out at an early hour, though later this was explained as due to the bursting of a watermain. On arriving home, I found Betty and Ricardo Sicre waiting to see me. They are having a yacht constructed for them at Southampton.

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to discuss the problems of overseas (mainly Asian and African) students studying in Western Europe. Senior USIS officials from seven European countries, plus one of Murrow's deputies, Tom Sorensen, and senior officers from all the geographic bureaus were present. Apparently the Attorney General had heard of the meeting, and expressed great interest in it, so the purpose of the conference has been expanded to Youth in general.

I paid a return call on the Philippine Ambassador at 9A Palace Green. He expects within a few days his Vice President in London, where he will preside over the Philippine delegation that is to discuss with the British the shadowy claim of his country to [redacted] British Borneo.

Nicky came down to lunch with me. Jean Lambert called on me this afternoon. He is steamed up over de Gaulle's tirade of yesterday, and has communicated some suggestions to Eric Roll as to how success might still be gained. Heath has been instructed to continue the negotiations at Brussels, despite the General's fulminations.

Jean talked to me frankly about his personal business affairs. Last year was the most successful he has ever had. He is branching out in a big way, and has just leased offices in London.

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I dined tonight at Baba Metcalfe's, with Clare and John Keswick, and Sammy Hood. We had a marvelous evening.

January 16, 1963 - Wednesday

I started off early with Nicky, to have him select at Edouard & Butler a dressing gown as a birthday present to him. I hope it will be ready by February 26.

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Common Market and other problems that might then be seething. He has no intention of breaking off the Common Market negotiations.

I was again struck by the agreeability of his conversation, and its literary quality. I have become quite attached to him. At the conclusion of my talk with the Prime Minister, it was agreed I would report none of it to Washington, but would pass on to Tom Finletter his remarks on the assignment of bombers, the treatment of the multilateral force question, and would speak to Paul Nitze about development costs for Polaris.

The news about poor Hugh Gaitskell is bad. His condition is worse today, and several bulletins have been issued by the hospital, none of them encouraging.

Kisty
[redacted] Hesketh and the three boys, lunched with me at the office. The children brought me gifts--cheese, rare soap, and a box of gigantic matches. I think on the whole she is the most widely read woman I have met in England, with the exception of Diana Cooper. Both of them excel in conversation.

The Editor of the Glasgow Herald, James Holburn, came to see me this afternoon. He is of exceptionally good value, and I always enjoy seeing him.

I went for drinks this afternoon with the John Wyndhams, then dined at Bucks Club with Kisty, [redacted] before going on to see "The Longest Day" at the Leicester Square Theater.

I thought the movie excellent, though a trifle long. I especially liked the fact that the Germans, French, and Anglo Saxons used their own languages, without any dubbing in. This is a minor point, but [redacted] made the performance more convincing. Few people realize what discomfort was suffered by the troops bottled up for days in rough seas on the landing craft.

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January 17, 1963 - Thursday

I saw Jack Slessor this morning. He wants to have an unofficial meeting with a few Britishers and Americans at Ditchley, to talk about anti-Americanism in Great Britain. He has asked Oliver Franks to chair it; I promised to come.

Another matter he is interested in is his ~~MDIC (Multilateral Disarmament~~ Information Centre). This organization is opposed to any form of unilateralism, and dedicated to the proposition that the sane and shortest path to world peace is through Multilateral Disarmament. Jack is a fine fellow, and devotes much of his time to public affairs.

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I made a return call on the Ambassador of Peru. He is an experienced diplomat, and a sympathetic man. He talked at length over the difficulties his country is experiencing from Communist elements there.

Cecil King [redacted] said he wanted to see me, so I asked him for lunch at Bucks. This man, disliked by many, feared by some, with his vast journalistic power, is to me an interesting figure. ~~He~~ has a strong personality, and if he is, as claimed, domineering, there was no trace of it today. He said he wished to talk to me about anti-Americanism in Great Britain. We agreed it is unimportant, and the natural manifestation of a feeling bound to exist between any two nations, especially between two so closely allied as our own, where the authority of one has suffered such a great decline while its people witness the ascendancy of the other. I found him [redacted] agreeable in conversation. He ranged over many topics. I thought his views on West Africa, where he owns several journals, pertinent and sensible. All in all, I was delighted with our talk. The last time I saw him it was when surrounded by his staff. On that occasion, he was a somewhat reticent host. He is a tee-totaller.

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Bernard Gufler came to see me. When he was in Washington lately, he was told he was to be replaced almost immediately in the Embassy in Finland, since for political reasons it seemed desirable to appoint as Ambassador Mr. Rowan, a Negro, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs. Guf does not know what assignment may be offered him, but does not intend to resign.

Messrs. Nitze and Rostow came to see me. They had been hard at it all day in the Defense Department, and seem[redacted] to have done constructive work on the post-Nassau arrangements. I think they have cleared up the question of financing for the research and development of Polaris, which was worrying the Prime Minister.

Thomas Kanza, Charge of the Congo Republic, called on me. He is going home tomorrow for a three weeks stay. He [redacted] suggested to the British Foreign Office the advisability of their calling home on leav[redacted] their Consul in Elizabethville, Mr. Dodson, upon whom Adoula had served a notice of expulsion, [redacted] Adoula later relented under pressure from ourselves and others, and has permitted him to stay on for the time being. This Consul has been especially useful in bringing about the recently more reasonable attitude of Tshombe toward UN demands. Kanza told me it was a matter of face, with [redacted] Bomboko, not to have Dodson linger in the Congo. Once face were [redacted] saved, as I understand it--and I really do not--Dodson could then go back. He asked me to see Lord Home and advocate this procedure. I told him I could not do so, but would communicate his views to Washington.

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Gordon Browne, who had been in the OSS with me, came [redacted] I was interested in his account of conditions in the Arabian peninsula. He has been living for some time in Aden, and formerly ranged up and down through Yemen. He

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thinks the recognition of the Yemen Republic by the United States a mistake, and believes if the tribes continue to be supplied with arms they will eventually overthrow the Republican Government, and certainly would do so if Egyptian troops were withdrawn. His point of view was closely akin to that of William Freeman, whom I saw in December.

January 18, 1963 - Friday

I paid a return call or the Norwegian Ambassador this morning. He said his Government was disturbed over what appeared the likely failure of the UK application to enter the Common Market. Next, I went to call on the Ethiopian Ambassador. He is a cultivated, [redacted] man.

I lunched with Pam Berry at the Flame Room of the Buckingham, 62 Petty France Street. This is in the back of a pub. We had an excellent meal, and I liked the surroundings better than any restaurant I have visited for a long time. Pam is disturbed over the impression she gained in Washington that she [redacted], and Michael were persona non grata with the Kennedys, because The Telegraph has published gossipy articles about Lee Radziwill. At any rate, when they were in Washington a short time ago, Michael was one of the few British publishers who have been unsuccessful in meeting the President personally. To confuse the matter further, their commentator, Peregrine Worsthorne, wrote for last Sunday's Telegraph the most eulogistic article I have yet seen appear on the President. Actually, it was too fulsome.

Joseph P. Kelly, U.S. Collector of Customs, Port of New York, came to see me. He is going from here to Paris, then to Genoa, to try to coordinate U.S. Customs policies with trans-Atlantic shipping lines, in an effort to make

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easier the passage of travelers through the Port of New York.

Captain Rowe brought in Commodore Baylis, retired officer of the Coast Guard. He is with "Operation Sail", and is attempting to assemble sail training vessels from any country possessing them, to voyage to New York in June 1964. The Commodore is a hearty old salt, aged 80.

I have just read a telegram from Al Irving, commenting on Hugh Gaitskell, and his successor as Leader of the Labour Party, if he dies. He obtained the views expressed from Bowden, the Labour Party whip. They coincide almost exactly with those expressed to me yesterday by Cecil King. The most obvious candidates would be George Brown and Harold Wilson, who bitterly dislike each other. Sir Frank Soskice is also spoken of, as well as Gordon Walker and James Callaghan. The prospects are not really popular figures around the country, nor is it supposed any of them could dominate the Party as Gaitskell has done.

Hugh's condition is desperate. He now has heart trouble, kidney stoppage, and something wrong in his abdomen, to say nothing of continuing pneumonia or pleurisy. Nine doctors are in attendance, but they do not yet appear to have diagnosed successfully his malady.

As an example of the off-hand way in which chiefs of state are sometimes assassinated, the following conversation by a member of the insurrectional committee in Togoland is interesting. The statement was:

"At 0030 I led 8 others Olympio house quickly persuaded guards outside let us in. Olympio at top of stairs in half dark, evidently expected us. I ordered men fire in air in house, Olympio fired probably twice from stair top with automatic. We later found two shells gone of total 9 shell capacity in his automatic. We went up stairs after him, he leaped out window. We lost him below in dark. After looking all over I ordered men surround block wait for morning. When light we went into American Embassy parking lot, one man spotting him crouched under steering wheel Embassy Plymouth parked there. One said we see you, come out, Olympio replied all right I will. Where you taking me? We answered

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to Military Camp. He walked down pathway toward Embassy gate. At gate he stopped, said he did not want go any further. I decided he important man and there could be likely a crowd demonstrations if he remained there. So I shot him."

I was called at home tonight, by Jim Pettus, and asked for a statement to be used, if necessary, regarding Hugh Gaitskell's death, which occurred shortly after nine o'clock this evening. I told Jim to say, if questioned:

"I am distressed to hear of Mr. Gaitskell's death. He had many devoted friends and admirers in the United States, and will be deeply mourned there.

Personally, I held him in great affection, and lament this tragic event."

January 19, 1963 - Saturday

The wind blew wildly last night. It is colder than ever this morning, with a temperature below 20° at 7:00 a.m. Motor accidents are numerous, and it has been snowing intermittently all over England and Scotland for several days.

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I went to the office, and attended to forwarding to the Queen and Dora Gaistskell these messages from President Kennedy:

"Madame:
I am saddened by the death of Hugh Gaitskell, leader of your Majesty's loyal opposition. He was a constant advocate and supporter of the basic democratic principles which are the heritage of our two nations, and he will be greatly missed on this side of the Atlantic as he will be among his countrymen. Sincerely, John F. Kennedy"

"Dear Mrs. Gaitskell:
I was shocked and saddened to learn this afternoon of the death of your husband. It was my privilege to meet and talk at length with him when he was last in Washington and I formed the highest regard for his integrity, intelligence and humanity. His sincere and effective support to the cause of democracy and freedom will be sorely missed. Mrs. Kennedy joins me in expressing the deepest sympathy.
Sincerely, John F. Kennedy."

I also wrote a letter to Dora, as follows:

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"My dear, dear Dora:
President Kennedy has asked me to deliver to you the enclosed message. As you know, he was greatly attracted by Hugh's personality, and spoke to me again at Nassau in such admiring terms of him.
As for Evangeline and myself, we send you our deep love and sympathy in your irreparable loss. In addition to his qualities as a statesman, it is as a man of extraordinary charm and agreeability that I shall always remember him. He warmed life for his friends.
Affectionately yours, David"

Lunched at Martha and Findley Burns' with the Guflers. I saw Sasha's beloved Minty, for the first time in more than a year.

E returned tonight, only half an hour late. There is snow and ice on the London Airport, so for a time they thought the plane would have to go on to Dusseldorf. The dogs almost went mad at the sight of her.

January 20, 1963 - Sunday

Bitterly cold today. I have hardly set foot to ground in two weeks, since we are so snowbound in Regents Park. Stash Radziwill and his son John lunched with us. John, a charming boy, aged 15, is 6 foot-two inches. Nicky appeared a midget alongside of him.

January 21, 1963 - Monday

Bernard Gufler came to say good-bye. He is leaving today for Finland. I am still plodding along on my ambassadorial return calls. My first victim today was the young Ambassador of Gabon, whom I ran to ground at 22 Queens Gate Mews. He has a tiny house there, and as far as is possible for [redacted] one as gay as himself to be dejected, he was oppressed by the continuing cold weather. He sighed over the contrast between the climate here and that in his own country, saying he had not been comfortable for nine months. He is an amusing fellow. As his house is without any artificial heat except one small electric burner, I should judge he

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circulates around in a temperature that for a long time has not been higher than 40°.

I had lunch with the Yugoslav Ambassador at Bucks. We had, as always, an uninhibited conversation. He is extremely intelligent, excellent company, and never talks to me in a docrinaire fashion. He told me of having had two major operations in Paris a decade ago, supposedly for the removal of gallstones. On neither of these occasions were any stones discovered, so in despair he returned home, where it was found he was suffering from an aggravated case of hepatitis. This left him in bad health for some years. I do enjoy seeing him. He is [redacted] popular in the Diplomatic Corps.

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In the afternoon, I called on the Ambassador of the Malagasy Republic, at 33 Thurloe Square. We had a long talk about the economic possibilities of Madagascar. As he had previously done, he complained of the colonies of Chinese and Indians in his country who, although they do not devour its substance, manage to accumulate a goodly percentage of its profits by acting as middlemen.

Jean Lambert called on me. He has been active in Paris in connection with the UK Common Market difficulties, but could not strike an optimistic note.

We dined tonight at the German Embassy. The other guests were:

Mr. Gavin and Lady Irene Astor
Marquis and Marchioness of Zetland
Marshal of the Air Force Sir William and Lady Dixon
Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mrs. Maudling
Sir Michael and Lady Adeane
Signor Pansa (Italian Minister)
Frau Lohmeyer (Cultural Attache at German Embassy)

The hostess and I had a long talk about wine. Indeed, the two German wines served, one a Moselle 1960 (Auf dem Kanzener Berg Wachst: E. Reverchon, Filzen) the other a Rhine wine 1953 (Rausenthaler Gebru, Auslese Staatsweinguter Eltville)

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were superb. It is interesting that the 1960 Moselle is already far better than most of the famous 1959's, once touted as the great vintage of the century. The 1959's were too sugary, and now can be bought cheaply.

Joan Braden, who was to accompany E on Saturday's flight, but because of snow Saturday night in Washington missed the plane in New York, came over last night. She is to do articles for the Saturday Evening Post on this and the Paris Embassy. Jackson Smith went to meet her, but the Pan American plane was unable to land at the London Airport, so went on to Dusseldorf. This morning we learned it had returned at two a.m., [redacted] and the passengers had been told to disperse to hotels. Consequently, about lunchtime today, Joan emerged from Browns and moved out to the house, where we were joined tonight by Kisty [redacted] Hesketh, who is leaving on Wednesday for a two-months trip to Africa.

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January 22, 1963 - Tuesday

The President is to hold a press conference tomorrow in Washington. This and other Embassies have been asked to make suggestions as to what he might say about recent developments consequent upon General de Gaulle's statements. We sent off two messages, as follows:

Eldon Griffiths, of Newsweek, lunched with me at the office. It seems that Newsweek is preparing to publish a long article on our diplomatic missions in Europe, and I am threatened as the selection for the cover boy. Eldon is going to America tomorrow, to remain several weeks, so this matter will be taken up again upon his return.

I called on the intelligent Syrian Ambassador, at 57 Kensington Court, this afternoon. He is interesting on the subject of Nasser. He believes Nasser's true objective in connection with the Yemen operation is to overthrow the dynasty in

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"In Embassy London's view, the President might well adopt the tone of polite, unrecriminatory disbelief that the progress toward one of the most hopeful experiments in Western European organization has run into difficulties over the terms and conditions for British entry into the Six. The President, without finger-pointing, should reiterate the opinion of the US Government that the present difficulties are temporary and capable of solution among the major principals. He should place appropriate emphasis on the collective nature of the basic decisions confronting the Community of Six, which will inevitably affect US policies and interests over the next several years. He should stress that it is the desire of the United States Government and people to work out harmonious political and economic relations with the new Europe, whatever precise forms it may take, and to cooperate equally with each member of Western Europe on terms of equality and mutual benefit. He should not disguise his personal view in elaborating these themes that he regards with some bewilderment, disappointment, and unhappiness the current malaise about the membership and aims of the Community. He should reiterate again that the difficulties seem to the United States surmountable with good will and a genuine national appreciation of the meaning of Community principles and common forms of action."

"From Bruce.

It seems to me that today's Press Conference is not a suitable occasion for the President to make a major pronouncement on how disruptive to the Western Alliance has been the recent stately disdain by de Gaulle of (1) Our offer of Polaris, (2) The application by the UK to join the Common Market.

At a later time, after the Brussels negotiation terminated and the future of a multinational force [illegible] he will have an opportunity to deliver a momentous [illegible]m-ing the policies the US intends to pursue to bring [illegible]sign into political reality.

For the present I would suggest he reflect [illegible]orrow than in anger on the parochial comments of the General, stating that they will not deflect the US Government from its steady purpose of strengthening the interdependence of free nations."

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Saudi Arabia. He does not believe Nasser can unite even a few countries in the Arab world under his leadership.

I went on from there to see the Ambassador of Czechoslovakia, at 7 Kensington Palace Gardens. He is a merry, pleasant man, with whom I had a really delightful conversation. He seemed especially interested in the consequences of the probable failure of the UK to enter the Common Market. He drew interesting comparisons between the economy and finances of Great Britain and those of his own country. He thought the Soviet attitude toward a possible test ban, and some serious move on disarmament, was more promising than at any time in the past.

Joan Braden came to the office to talk to me about various features of Embassy operations.

Tonight was Bruce evening at the McEwens, who [redacted] gathered in strength at Rory and Romano's house. It was the most relaxing and amusing dinner imaginable, since the members of this clan never seem to be in any but the highest of spirits. Each one appears to be charged with vitality as if they were receiving constant injections of electricity. After dinner, Evelyn Waugh, the von Hofmannsthals and others came in, so we made quite a late night of it.

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January 23, 1963 - Wednesday

E and I went to the private funeral services for Hugh Gaitskell today. It was an affecting and moving ceremony. I have seldom [redacted] known the death of a public man to arouse such a depth and spread of sympathy and sorrow.

E, Joan Braden, and I dined tonight at Haberdashers' Hall as guests of the American Women's Club. I made a speech, as did the Lord Mayor, Sir Ralph Perring. This pleasant affair was over by 10:30, whereupon we went to Cecil Beaton's house and found his entertainment fully launched. The floors groaned

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